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AMERICA'S TREASURE TOWNS

By Joe Harrington

The effort died quietly and was never revived. But in recent years the wide, open spaces that separated the three sections of the town have been filling up rapidly. Housing developments on either side of Bellingham's 11-mile-long main street, Rte. 126, have brought new property valuation and new residents to the town which was formed in 1719 from parts of Dedham (the "mother town" of Norfolk County), Mendon and Wrentham.

After World War II, Bellingham had a steady but unspectacular growth. In fact, the number of new homes was considerably less than in many towns on the perimeter of the metropolitan area.

Then in 1960 the developers started moving in, possibly because the fields and wooded areas closer to the super highways...and therefore Boston...could be turned into settlements of capes and ranch houses.

The town was late in its zoning bylaws. There were none until 1960, when a bylaw was passed making the minimum lot sizes for residential buildings 20,000 square feet and 30,000 in the agricultural area.

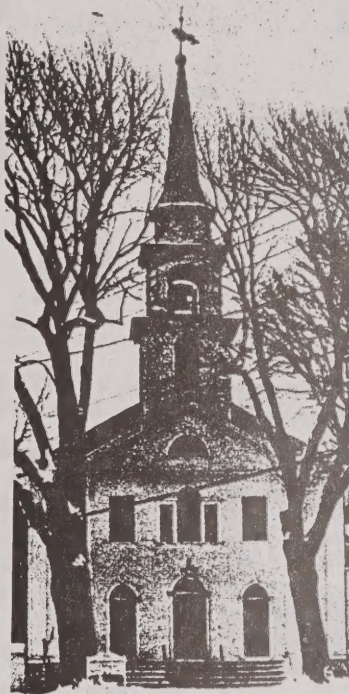
While the building boom progressed, land values have shot up. Chairman Leo A. Stearns of the Board of Selectmen said that a building lot that sold for \$500 10 years ago was bringing \$2000 and more today.

Most of the developments...and there have been many of them...are large in size. In one area 300 houses are planned. In another, some 480 new homes have been built, and about 700 will be up when the entire project is completed.

Few of the heads of the new families work in Bellingham. They drive to work along Rte. 126 or the other east-west highway through town, Rte. 140, and return at night. Their jobs are in many places—particularly in Boston, Framingham, Natick, Hopedale, Brockton and Woonsocket.

For many years there were woolen and worsted mills in Bellingham, and at one point in its history the town had four boot and shoe factories. These, in the Center, were wiped out in a fire in 1874 and never rebuilt.

Before World War II there were three mills in town, but as the textile industry dwindled they closed down.



The bare Winter branches frame the First Baptist Church in Bellingham Center.



Chairman Leo A. Stearns of the Board of Selectmen clears the snow from the entrance to his real estate office.

Article from the Boston
Sunday Globe, Jan. 10, 1965

Grew Almost Overnight

There is a large potential labor force within the town's borders and local officials see hope of new industries coming into the community with the first super-highway to reach Bellingham. This is Rte. 495 for which land-takings in North Bellingham have already been made.

There are three Post Offices in the "long" town; in the Center, at North Bellingham and a division of this section called Caryville. But the Woonsocket influence is felt in the postal area, too. Mail comes to South Bellingham and quite some distance north of this section from the Post Office in the Rhode Island city.

Many of the residents are not happy about the telephone situation, which left Bellingham without an exchange of its own. Service is maintained through installations in nearby towns, with a large section of the community tied into Woonsocket. Other listings are in exchanges located in Franklin, Milford and Medway.

For an historic building, the citizens point to their Town Hall, which was built in 1802 at a cost of \$1000. It has been modernized to some degree, and the officials say its heavy beams and foundations are in an excellent state of preservation.

For modern buildings, there will be a new fire-police building for which appropriations have been made. A new junior-senior high school, near the Center, opened last February.

The school offers the courses and has the equipment of the most modern educational plants, including a language laboratory with 30 listening units. Construction of a \$900,000 elementary school was voted last month. Also, the Assumption parish in South Bellingham recently opened a new parochial school.

The present school enrollment is 1859. The impact of new residents is seen by a comparison with the 1960 figure—1065.

The town has voted to join 15 others in establishing the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School, which is expected to be located in Upton.

Bellingham has town water from gravel packed wells, but no sewer system. Property is assessed at from 38 to 40 percent of market value, and the rate in 1964 was \$60, an increase of \$5 over the previous year.



The architecture of the new St. Blaise Church on Rte. 126 combines the traditional with the modern.



Welfare Director William E. Quirk and his assistant, Mrs. Jeanette Fleury.



Town Clerk Lionel R. Trudeau is also the guidance director at the high school.



Bellingham Police Chief Euclide A. Fleurette.

MATCHCOVERS

The matchbook was invented by a part time chemist Joshua Pusey of Philadelphia. In 1892, he put 10 cardboard matches into a cover of white board. Two hundred of these matchbooks were sold to the Mendelson Opera Company. The opera company hand painted messages on the front of each book for their patrons.

Few covers survived from the 1890 to the 1930 period. The first collectible set of ten covers was issued for the Century of Progress exhibit at the Chicago Worlds Fair. From 1930 until the 1960's the covers were a popular advertising medium. The arrival of the throw away lighter brought an end to the match cover era. Now match books are expensive to manufacture and are not readily available for distribution.

Special estimated cover prices:

Air Force One, presidential seal	10.00
President Kennedy, personal cover	7.00
Lindbergh's First Flight	75.00
General McArthur's "I Shall Return"	25.00
Raleigh '903' series Humphrey Bogart	10.00

Other Topics

Airlines	.15	Christmas	.02
Fairs	.25	Navy Ships	.25
Political	.50	Railroads	.20
Soft Drinks	.50		
Sports, old	.75	Sports, new	.15

Other match books showing personalities, football baseball and other sport figures., bring a variety of prices. Many covers can be found at flea markets and swap meets. To safely and properly display covers remove the matches, flatten the covers and mount them in albums by category. Unused covers are preferred. [Not recommended for young adults/adult supervision advised]

If you wish to join a match cover club write to one of the following; Rathkamp Matchcover Society, Wray Martin, 221 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L9C5C1., Trans Canada Matchcovers Club, Frank Ralph, sec., 70 Julian Ave. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. There may be a small charge for membership. Check with your local library for clubs near you. e.t.

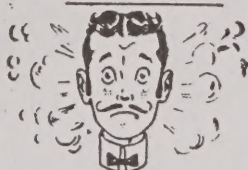


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Framingham, Mass.

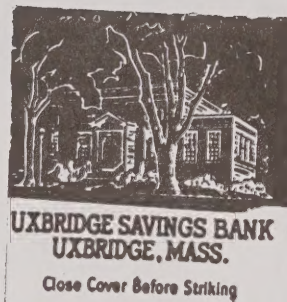
CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING MATCH



FACE-ON-FIRE
SHAVES
are old-fashioned!



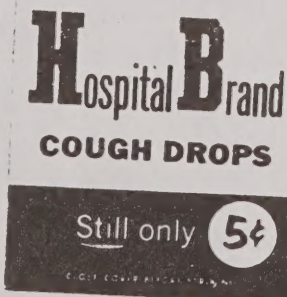
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Article from the Woonsocket Call 1965



END OF AN ERA

... Top photo, taken in the early 1900's, shows Thayer's Market, when it was operated by L. F. Thayer in the horse and buggy day; while lower photo shows the Bellingham Center store after modernization. The store will close its doors Dec. 18.

Has Undergone Many Changes

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Mrs. Walter H. Spieler of Depot Street in the upper reaches of Bellingham, pens a note to recall the mid-1700's when a monthly stage line ran from Boston to New York and passed through Bellingham on the old Hartford Turnpike, known now as Hartford Avenue.

"This coach took four weeks round trip," she reports, "and there were inns along the route, about a mile apart, where hungry and tired passengers would stop for a good hot meal and a night's lodging. Some of these buildings are still standing.

"On the corner of Hartford Avenue and North Main Street there was a stable where the stages stopped to change their tired horses for fresh ones," she pens. "The passengers would freshen up in the house across the street, which still stands. This operation took a half hour or more.

"Today, on this same corner," our correspondent observes, "stand modern gas stations. In less than 10 minutes you can have your tank filled with gas, get oil if needed, have your windshield cleaned and be in New York in a few hours."

DISTANCE FROM BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS TO— MILES

Albany, N. Y.	159
Boston, Mass.	30
Concord, N. H.	89
Dedham, Mass.	23
Fall River, Mass.	35
Framingham, Mass.	15
Foxboro, Mass.	15
Gloucester, Mass.	68
Hartford, Conn.	90
Hampton Beach, N. H.	80
Horse Neck Beach	50
Hyannis, Mass.	74
Ipswich, Mass.	44
Lowell, Mass.	44
Lawrence, Mass.	55
Lexington, Mass.	42
Lincoln Downs, R. I.	28
Manchester, N. H.	71
Milford, Mass.	6
Milbury, Mass.	19
Nantasket Beach, Mass.	34
New Bedford, Mass.	66
Norwood, Mass.	18
Old Orchard Beach, Maine	107
Provincetown, Mass.	136
Providence, R. I.	32
Point Judith, R. I.	65
Plymouth, Mass.	58
Portland, Maine	97
Revere Beach, Mass.	38
Salisbury Beach, Mass.	70
Taunton, Mass.	47
Worcester, Mass.	26
Wrentham, Mass.	11
White Mts., N. H.	144

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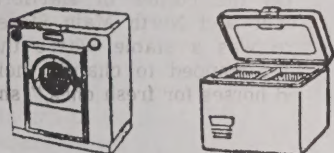
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Social Security Benefits for Retirement After 65 Years of Age

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Average Monthly Wage Before Retirement	Retired Worker over 65*	Retired Worker and Wife over 65*	Retired Worker, Wife and Child under 18
\$400	\$127	\$191	\$254
350	116	174	232
300	105	157	210
250	95	142	190
200	84	126	162

Social Security Benefits for Survivors

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

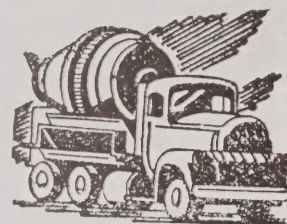
Average Monthly Wage of Deceased	Widow over 62 Parent over 65* or 1 Surviving Child under 18	Widow and 1 Child under 18	Widow and 2 Children under 18
\$400	\$95	\$191	\$254
350	87	174	232
300	79	158	210
250	71	143	190
200	63	126	162

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*Women may receive reduced benefits at 62

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Bellingham Center Business Complex Gets Face-Lifting

Article from the Woonsocket Call April 9, 1965

BELLINGHAM — Along with the explosive population growth in this community, business construction in the Center section of town is either started or on the verge of starting, to give the Center a new face.

Seven acres of farm land located between Route 140 (Mendon St.) and Depot Street has been sold to Almacs Inc. of East Providence, who will start construction soon on an Almac Store, according to Frank Bowen, public relations man for the concern.

Bowen also reported other inquiries for space on the site for the shopping center have been made but no definite plans have been made to date.

The land owned by Earl and Donald Thayer, father and son, of Mendon St., has been stripped of loam.

In a triangle spot located between Depot Street and North Main Street, (Route 126) Dal-Mor Realty of Pulaski Blvd., South Bellingham plans to construct a building known as the "Colonial Plaza" and similar to the Dal-Mor Plaza on Pulaski Blvd.

A large house on the site has been raised and will be moved to a location on Thayer Road off Mendon Street. The building is expected to be moved this week by Home Coal Co. Inc. of Woonsocket with permission be-

ing granted by the selectmen and is expected to start construction May 15. The bid was last week.

Construction on the fire-police station to be located on town owned land known as the Town Common started today. Completion of the station is expected in the early fall. The cost of the station, including architect fees and other various items, is set at \$130,000 with the town's share at \$65,000 and a \$65,000 interest free loan from the federal government under the Accelerated Public Works Program.

Options have also been taken on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel S. Thayer, at the intersection of Routes 140 and 126, and the dairy barn of Walnut Farm located directly behind the Thayer home, for another type of business, it was reported. No definite plans or sale has been made, it was learned. The new Elementary School to be constructed in Wethersfield, which was approved at a town meeting last year, also will be started in the next three months. Subcontractor bids will be opened April 15 and the general contractor bids April 22, by the Elementary School Building Committee.

At the corner of North Main and Mill Streets a new post office will be constructed. Morin Construction Inc. of Coventry has been awarded the contract

eral contractor bids April 22, by the Elementary School Building Committee.

Another recent change is the construction of Larry's Package Store and Dry Cleaning business near the intersection of North Main Street and Hartford Avenue and the Center Shoppes stores adjacent to Thayer's Market in the Center.

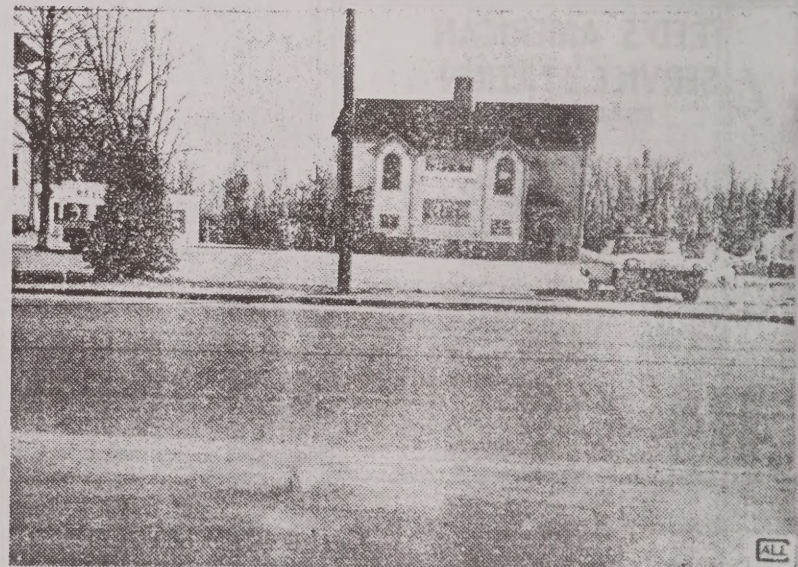
Also constructed and opened within the past year in the Center is Bellingham Pharmacy and the Medical Building.

According to the state census figures which have been released by the selectmen, the population stands at 10,604 or an increase of 56 per cent in a five-year period.



STORE AND OFFICE SPACE BUILDING

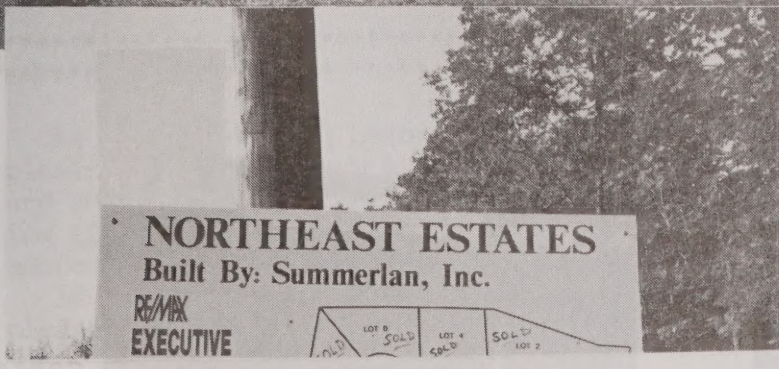
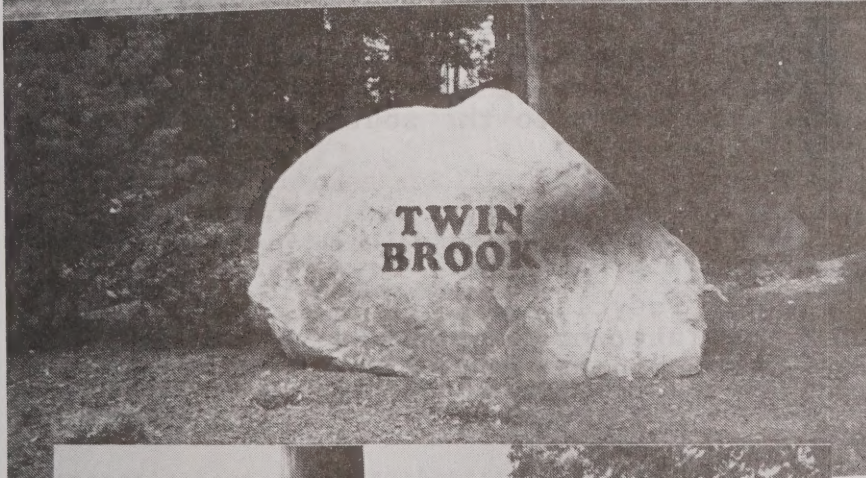
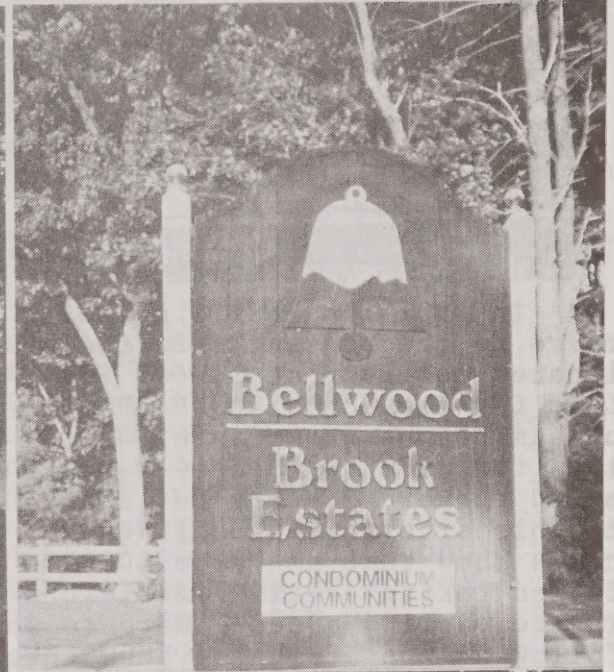
... A building to be known as Colonial Plaza with store and office space, to be constructed by Dal-Mor Realty Corp., will be located between Depot Street on left and North Main Street, (Route 126) right, Bellingham Center. House has been placed on a trailer of Home Coal Inc., Woonsocket, and will be moved to new location on Thayer Road, off Mendon Street.



FIRE-POLICE STATION TO BE LOCATED HERE

... The fire-police station, which has been a controversial subject for the past two and one-half years, will be constructed on this land in front of the Center Elementary School, Bellingham. Construction started today by S & S Builders of Winchester with Korslund, LeNormand & Quann, of Norwood, architects. The station is to cost \$130,000 with the town's share \$65,000.

SIGNS of the TIMES BELLINGHAM is changing!!! 1996



The Historical Commission is proud of North School and it's history. ...also the fact that it is once again serving the citizens(young and old) of our town. We hope the TOWN will see fit to preserve this building with all of it's original parts.

ETA

LIFE'S SIMPLE PLEASURES

Faith in God.
Good health.
A loving family.
A soft spring rain.
The first snowfall.
A perfect June day.
A pretty sunset.
Wildflowers.
Watching a sunrise.
Birds singing.
Children playing.
A quiet country setting.
A walk through the woods.
A job well done.
A visit from a friend.
Laughter.
Nice music.
A summer evening.
A loving pet.
Finding a lost object.
Attending church on Sunday.
Family gatherings.
A good book.
The last payment on your mortgage.
A letter from a friend.
A fresh apple pie.
The help of a friend when it's most needed.
Nice neighbors.
When the daily chores are finished.
The fragrance of a rose.
Your morning coffee.
A sleeping baby.
A full moon.
The smell of freshly cut grass or hay.
Watching fireflies.
Listening to the sounds of summer.

F.M.M.

As we've mentioned before, if you move, please send us your new address. The Comments are generally not forwarded and we are wasting time and money sending them to your old address.

If you wish to discontinue receiving them, please drop us a card.

QUESTIONS (?) & ANSWERS (!)

Question: Can you tell me anything about Bellingham in 1885, the year my grandmother was born?

Answer: Will you settle for 1884?

In that year, Bellingham had been divided into 5 census sections - "Rakeville" in the south, "Scott Hill" near the center, "Crimpville" north of the center, and "North Bellingham" and "Caryville" at the extreme north.

There were 612 male and 635 female persons, and in occupations, there were 25 professional, 26 in trade, 178 in farming, and 356 in manufacturing and mechanical trades.

Sixteen of the adult population could neither read or write.

Bellingham center had a one-mail-per-day postoffice, North Bellingham had a postoffice with two mails per day, and Caryville had two mails per day, and one each to Milford and Medway.

There were five stores, four factories, three grist mills and seven sawmills.

The principal manufactured products consisted of satinet cloth (an imitation satin), farm tools (at Rakeville, of course), and boots.

Satinet production amounted to about 6,000 yards per day.

At its peak, boot manufacture accounted for 7,000 12-pair cases annually, in the making of which were used 125,000 pounds of sole leather, 350,000 feet of upper leather, 160 bushels of pegs, and 7,500 pounds of nails.

The sawmills produced rough and finished lumber, clapboards, framing timber and shingles.

Three railroad lines served the town - the New York & New England RR main line in the south, the same line's route running the length of the town, and the Milford, Franklin & Providence between Milford and Franklin.

Bellingham was a busy place in grandmother's day!

FDD

This picture of the Sunshine Dairy Ice Cream parlor was taken by Nellie Murray Roy in July 1938. She was 16 then and working for the owners, a family named Kotter.

According to George Whiting, in the 20's, this building was a private home for a Mr. Coleman who worked for the Foss Vanilla Co. George remembers getting pencils with that company's name on them from Mr. Coleman. The ice cream business was started in the early 30s.

In the 40s, it became an antique or junk shop. It was managed by a Mr. Bosely who was a partner in Electric Maintenance Co. in Woonsocket. It was used for a while by Oliver Fontaine too "and it was chock full of old stuff and antiques" said Mr. Whiting.

The building was located where the David Spas Hair Salon now stands, but it is not the same place. The Whiting family sold the building to Robert Schafer who had Home Coal move it to his farm further up South Main St., then called Scott Hill Rd., to be used as living quarters for his farm hands. It has since been destroyed, I believe, by a fire.

The present hair salon building was built for Kathryn and George Whiting as the Country Charm Beauty Salon in 1960.

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Watch your thoughts.
They become words.
Watch your words.
They become actions.
Watch your actions.
They become habits.
Watch your habits.
They become character.
Watch your character.
It becomes your destiny.
Frank Outlaw.



- DONATIONS -

Class of '46--BHS
Dorothy Spencer
in memory of
Ethel Spencer
Jennie Kozak
anonymous
Mary Williams
Raymond-Alice Guerin
Phebe Lundvall
Ann-William Perry
John-Madelyn Mills
Billie Carroll
June(Hall)Merrick
George Bourcier



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The Bellingham High School Class of 1946 celebrated it's 50th reunion with a dinner and reminiscences at Ciro's Restaurant, Woonsocket in the late spring.

Members from Florida, Conn., and New York attended. We were also honored to have our class advisor, Miss Ballou (Mrs. Kelly) in attendance.

front: Maurice Patrick, J.P. Trudel, Norman Leblanc
 rear: Elizabeth (Thayer) Andrews, Anna (Jastrzembski) Converse, Norma (Aldrich) Eaton, Betty (Skalubinski) Lewinski, Victor Denault, William (Chet) Lewinski, Adrien Marcet, Burt Rhodes, Jane (Tuttle) Darling



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

During the summer some members and guests of the Historical Commission gathered to cruise the Blackstone River. We traveled on the riverboat, EXPLORER from the Blackstone Gorge to the Lock at Millville. Cruises are offered at a number of different locations along the river. It was a pleasant experience, and right in our own backyard!!



Blackstone Gorge



The EXPLORER



Mary Donovan, F.D. Donovan, Helen Dufresne, Florence McCracken, Dave Andrews, Elizabeth Andrews, M. Eunice Nicholson. John McCracken was also present.

RECOMMENDED READING

It's a book that isn't looked into too often nowadays, but Wallace Nutting's MASSACHUSETTS BEAUTIFUL is still one of the best portrayals of the early twentieth century Massachusetts.

The illustrations in the book are free of the clutter of telephone poles, wire, fast-food stands, and highways. Photographs and sketches depict a State that seems almost beyond belief in these times.

Old houses, town and country lanes, and landscapes are accompanied by descriptive text that ranges from chimneys to well sweeps, and from old dwellings to turnpikes.

Our own Charles River takes up several pages of reading matter and pictures.

It is unfortunate that the illustrations are not more fully captioned. While some of the places shown might be identifiable today, most are so changed by time - or even gone - most are unrecognizable. But even so, the scenes are a pleasure to look at.

Wallace Nutting (1861-1941), born in Marlboro, Mass., was a clergyman, painter and antiquarian, and authored other "state beautiful" books, among them Vermont and Maine, and these are well worth dipping into.

Nutting's last years were plagued by controversy. He was accused of selling ironwork as antique that was produced only a few years before by Edward Guy, a maker of reproduction pieces, and there was the Governor Prince cupboard lawsuit charging him with fraudulently obtaining the item.

And he was roundly criticized for "transplanting" some of our oldest antique dwellings to other parts of the country, particularly to Connecticut.

Controversial figure or not, Wallace Nutting did Massachusetts a great service in his careful recording of her fine old houses, her charming byways, and bucolic scenes of ponds, rivers, and fields.

FDD

THE WELL-KNOWN TOWN OF NOGOOD

My friend, have you heard of the
Town of Nogood,

On the banks of the River Slow;
Where grows the Waitawhile flower
fair,

Where the Sometimeorother scents
the air,

And the soft Goeasys grow?

It lies in the Valley of What'stheuse,

In the Province of Letitslide;
The name Tiredfeeling is native
there-

Andit's the home of the reckless
I don't care,

Where the Giveups abide.

DEATHS

William Donahue	Chester B. Barrows
Eileen Carrier	Estelle Marchand
Lorraine (Thayer) Duncan	
M. Tanya Cahill	
Rosaline Cote	
Denise G. Gilson	
Edward W. Riley	
Richard F. Armstrong	
Walter P. Stearns	
Gertrude (Rogers) Tailor	
Stanley J. Antosh	
James A. Brady	
Mary E. Melnikoff	
Roger H. Lavoie	
Doris I. Dorval	
Jeanette (Trottier) Fleury	
Agnes M. (Bellantoni) Landino	
Roland A. Champagne	
Corinha Wong	
Guerino Villani	
Clara A. (Fary) Padula	
Harriet A. Whiting	age 94
Alexander Nadolny	" 97
Daniel J. Breen	" 99
Mary R. Smith	" 102

A snake is a thing that's tail all the
way to its head.....

Woonsocket, Rhode Island is considered to be situated at the most valuable water-power location on the Blackstone River, and was given its name by the Indians.

The first white settler was Richard Arnold of Providence, who came to the place in 1666, and built a sawmill on the river bank.

Later, the area was settled by Quakers who lived principally west and south of the present city. The Quaker presence is commemorated by the ancient Quaker Meeting House, still standing.

For generations, Woonsocket was a vibrant industrial city, with nearly forty cotton, woolen, rubber and machine product factories. A largely French population provided the skills necessary for high quality and production.

One of the largest worsted manufactories was located here, and the Harris Institute was established by the owner of the American Harris Tweed Company.

As early as 1840, there were 15 cotton, and 2 satinet mills, a large smelting furnace, a sash factory, and several machine shops prospering at "The Falls."

In later years, other mills of note were the Lippett Woolen Company, the French, Glenark, Dunn, and Lafayette Woolen Companies, the Ray Cotton Manufacturing Company, and the Woonsocket Rubber Company of 1864.

The opening of the Blackstone Canal in 1828 had the effect of bringing industrial and population growth to Woonsocket. Easier access to the great centers at Providence and Worcester offered new markets for the city's products, and rapid growth occurred between this time and 1880.

Ironically, this growth brought about the canal's demise.

The Providence & Worcester Railroad, built in the 1860s, offered swift and convenient transportation for Woonsocket's products. The sad part of all of this railroad building was that the canal's final commerce was in transporting materials to build the rail line.

Woonsocket was, and still is, an important rail center, and the handsome P&W station in the center of the city still reflects the grand days of train travel - although the depot no longer displays its famed locomotive weathervane.

Woonsocket is noted for its beautiful Catholic churches, and much of the Milford granite used in their construction came to the city over the Milford & Woonsocket Railroad of the 1860s, later a part of the Providence & Worcester road.

Evidence of the Woonsocket Street Railway, and the Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway still exists in the form of the large brick structure on Social Street now housing an auto parts supply firm. This building, dating from around 1895 was the carbarn for the streetcar lines.

The electric roads, after prospering for many years, until the advent of the automobile, ended operation in the 1920s.

A little-known, but important part of Woonsocket's history was the participation of many of its residents in the ill-fated Dorr Rebellion of 1842.

Although much of its industrial base has vanished, Woonsocket can look with pride on its culture and heritage, and its impressive history.

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Do you remember all the rules and regulations your parents taught you when you were a child and a teenager? Are today's children taught the same set of values?

Respect your elders.
 Keep your body and mind clean.
 Never use foul language or take God's name in vain.
 Always say your daily prayers.
 Ride your bike on the right side of the road but walk on the left..
 Don't interrupt when folks are talking.
 Pay attention in school, church and when your parents are speaking to you.
 Never get in a car with a stranger.
 Don't skate on thin ice.
 If you can't swim, don't go in water over your head.
 Be modest.
 Never pick a fight.
 Never hit first.
 Don't lie. The truth is always the same but a lie changes over time.
 Don't take what doesn't belong to you.
 Don't tattle.
 Always wash your hands before eating.
 Don't bite your fingernails.
 Sit up straight, don't slouch.
 Don't let anyone take a bite of your food unless you plan to give it all to them.
 Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.
 Chew with your mouth closed.
 Don't dig at your nose.
 Keep your shoes tied.
 Don't be a snob or a show-off.
 Don't nag or complain.
 Always say please and thank you.
 Always put your best foot forward.
 Be kind to animals.
 Stand when an older person enters the room.
 Don't swallow noisily.
 Try not to burp in public.
 Always be a lady or gentleman, actions speak louder than words.
 Never say or do anything you wouldn't want your parents or favorite person to know.
 Always be on time.
 If you make a promise, keep it.
 Read, books are your friends, entertaining, imparting knowledge or an escape to distant lands.
 Take good care of all your possessions.
 Learn to share graciously.
 Obey your parents, teachers and elders.
 Don't sass or talk back.
 Be patient.
 Don't be a glutton.
 Remember your table manners.
 Don't shout unnecessarily.
 Don't slam doors.

Don't step over dropped things, pick them up.
 Don't put your feet on the furniture.
 Wipe your feet before coming into the house.
 Stay away from the water during a thunder storm.
 Don't play in the street.
 Stay away from poison ivy.
 Don't bother a dog when he's eating.
 Don't pet a strange dog.
 Stand up straight.
 Keep your elbows off the table during meals.
 Don't waste your money.
 Don't hurt another's feelings.
 Choose your friends wisely.
 Stay away from people who could get you into trouble.
 Two wrongs don't make a right.
 Don't blame others for your mistakes.
 Take the blame for your own actions.
 Boys, always remove your hat when entering a home, church etc.
 If you can't say something nice about a person, don't say anything.
 Never touch an injured animal.
 Never dart into the street after a ball.
 Keep your fingernails clean.
 Change your school clothes when you get home.
 On a bus or train, offer your seat to an elderly person standing, an expectant mother or a person holding an infant.
 Always carry a knife or scissors with the point down.
 Don't play with matches.
 Don't throw trash on the roadside.
 Don't be a slob about your appearance. One usually acts according to how they are dressed.
 Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.
 Don't be a cry baby.
 Try to see the good in everyone.
 Be cautious in all you do.
 Pay a compliment when it's due. ****

As we got older, a few more rules were added.

Never borrow or lend money.
 Don't gossip.
 Learn to say 'NO' and mean it.
 Never be sweet-talked into anything.
 Don't let anyone use your comb or lipstick.
 Be a good friend.
 When on a date, always carry money enough for a phone call or cab fare,
 Mother's last rules to daughters before they marry.
 Always have your husband's supper on the table when he gets home from work.
 Never call your husband at work unless it's an emergency..
 Never go to bed angry.

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Former Caryville Man In Hospital — 1945

Pfc. Harold V. Pleau, formerly of Caryville, Has returned to Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass., for further treatment, after spending a 30-day convalescent furlough with his wife and 14 month-old daughter, who now make their home in Framingham.

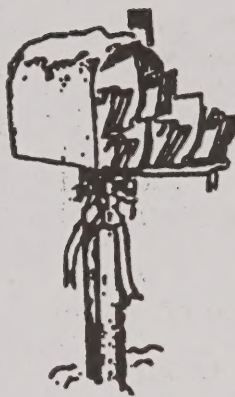
Pfc. Pleau returned to the States May 5 from the European theatre. He was with General Hodges First army, 30th division. He was wounded in the left foot with shrapnel on Jan 22 in Belgium. Pfc. Pleau has been awarded the purple heart, good conduct badge and the combat infantry badge.



PFC. HAROLD V. PLEAU
AND BABY DAUGHTER

Pfc. Harold Pleau 25, the son of Mary and the late Nelson Pleau has three brothers in service. Leo in Italy, who has been wounded three times; Bernard, who is now in New York with wounds of the right arm, and William in North Carolina.

Corp. Leo Pleau of the 5th army infantry in Italy, is back with his company. Corp. Bernard Pleau was an anti-aircraft gunner with the 9th army in Germany and was taken to Halloren hospital, N.Y. March 16. Pfc. William Pleau, 21 with the first marine division, wounded a year and a half ago in the South Pacific, is now on duty at Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Why
don't
you write
a letter
to the
editor?

C.C.Staff-

We were in Bellingham from June 6th -June 15th and the changes are amazing.

The weather was very nice except for one day, when it stormed so bad and the hail was bad and we wondered why we came. That thought didn't last long.

Well enough of this chatter AND we did have a good time. Here is a donation.

John W. Mills

To Whom It May Concern-

This letter is just to prove that John Lundvall and I were friends. He lived across the street from me at Bellingham 4-Corners.

His mother used to take care of me when I was sick so that my mother could go to work in the woolen mill in No.Bellingham.

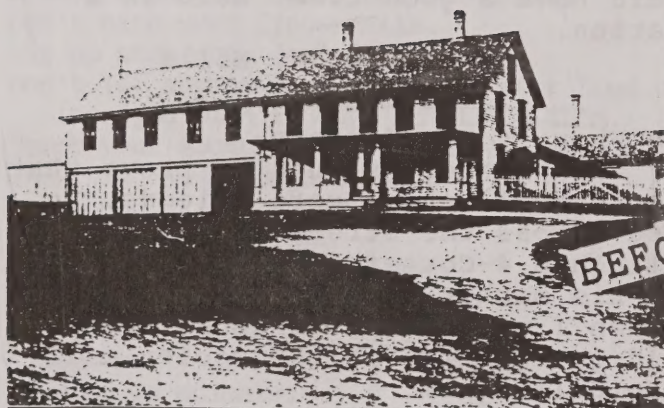
I was born in 1913, my 5 brothers and sisters went to the Center School; Claire,Victor,Clarence,Florence,Charles and I,George.

I used to visit Ray and Anna Patrick with my mother. He delivered groceries for Thayer's General Store.

I used to deliver cord wood to So.Bellingham with P.P.Cooke when I was a youth.

I went to school with Dorothy Spencer. Stella Peloquin's family had a gas station on Scott Hill Rd. Ambler' had a horse farm.

George Bourcier



CROOKS' TAVERN, KEPT BY JEREMIAH CROOKS 1834-1860



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